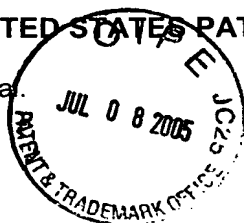


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Ichio AKAMI et al.
Serial No: 10/760,418
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For: BENDING PRESS SYSTEM



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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 - ii. ☐ Other: _____
 - b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other: _____
2. Miscellaneous.
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).
 - b. ☐ Other: _____
3. Fees. The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to:
 - a. ☒ Deposit Account No. 23-2185
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other: _____
 - b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 790.00 enclosed.
 - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

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